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Dear Interested Party:

I am inviting you to provide comments on a proposed watershed restoration project on the Athens Ranger District, Wayne National Forest. This is the start of the formal 30-day Notice and Comment period for this project. The 30-day comment period will start when the legal notice of this comment period is published in the *Athens Messenger* newspaper in Athens, Ohio. The purpose of this comment period is to provide you with an opportunity to provide me with meaningful comments on the consequences of the proposed action, prior to my making a decision on this project.

The Upstream Rock Run Watershed Restoration Project falls within the Monday Creek Watershed. Upstream Rock Run is located in Coal Township in southern Perry County. This project responds to the Wayne National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan direction to protect and enhance water quality.

Please take a few minutes to review the attached information and provide comments about the proposed activities. Your comments will be used to identify relevant issues, generate alternatives, and to guide the analysis. It is most helpful if your comments are within the scope of the proposed action, are specific to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for me to consider.

The Wayne National Forest has for several years worked in partnership with other federal agencies, state agencies, local government, local citizens groups, and colleges to improve water quality in the Monday Creek Watershed. The partners recognize the importance of clean water to Wayne National Forest users and the surrounding communities. This partnership has been very successful in finding funds to address a broad range of problems in the watershed and its support will greatly facilitate this project.

Please provide your comments within 30 days from when the legal notice of this comment period is printed in the *Athens Messenger* newspaper. Please make your comments specific to this proposed action, addressing the proposed Upstream Rock Run Watershed Restoration Project. Comments may be mailed to: Wayne National Forest; Attn: Pam Stachler; 13700 US Highway 33; Nelsonville, Ohio 45764; or comments may also be submitted electronically to **comments-eastern-wayne@fs.fed.us**. For electronically mailed comments, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.



When submitting comments, please include your name, current physical mailing address, and signature (or similar form of identity verification).

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and if denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within five days.

If you have no comments at this time, but wish to remain on the mailing list for this project, please call or write to show your interest.

Those who provide comments during this comment period are eligible to appeal the decision when made, pursuant to 36 CFR 215 regulations.

Copies of this scoping notice and additional maps are available at [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_content.php?project=19389](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_content.php?project=19389).

If you have any questions or wish more information please feel free to contact Gary Willison at: (740)-753-0684.

Sincerely,



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Forest Supervisor

Enclosures:

1. Description of the Proposed Action
2. Project Vicinity Map
3. Project Proposed Action Map